

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	COMBATING EXPLOITIVE CHILD LABOR IN TOGO THROUGH EDUCATION (TBP PREPARATORY PROJECT)
REGION/COUNTRY	AFRICA/Togo
PROJECT DURATION	September 30, 2007 – April 30, 2012
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2007: USD 5,000,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	<p>Togo has more than 33% of children aged 5 to 14 years counted as working as of 2006. Children are predominantly found working on family farms in rural areas but also work in urban areas, such as Lomé. In recent years, the persistent high poverty level and the increasing incidence of HIV/AIDS has made children vulnerable to the worst forms of child labor (WFCL), including commercial sexual exploitation (CSEC) and trafficking, and exploitive child labor in domestic service and the informal sector.</p>
TARGETS	<p>A total of 10,000 children will be targeted for withdrawal (4,000) and prevention (6,000) from exploitive child labor, including trafficking, through the provision of direct educational services. Children will be withdrawn and prevented from engaging in domestic service, CSEC, rural agriculture, the urban informal sector and trafficking. Geographically, the project will target all areas of the country but will focus on the Lomé, Maritime, Plateau, and Central regions.</p>
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>To contribute to the elimination of the WFCL, including trafficking, in Togo.</p> <p>Intermediate objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement models of intervention for withdrawal, prevention, and rehabilitation of children in WFCL in target areas and ensure they are ready for replication and scaling up at the national level;• Mobilize Togolese society to support the fight against child labor;• Ensure the Government and Togolese civil society has the capacity to undertake effective action against WFCL with minimal external assistance;• Strengthen the legal framework on exploitive child labor, with a focus on implementation and enforcement of existing laws and regulations; and• Enhance the knowledge base and monitoring system for child labor, including WFCL and the effects of HIV/AIDS on child labor.
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide education and non-educational services for

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prevention, rehabilitation, and reintegration to children withdrawn from WFCL;

- Provide economic empowerment services to selected families of targeted children;
- Reopen and scale-up the Government's rural literacy program;
- With contributions by local communities, construct 5 primary schools in selected remote rural areas;
- Establish an integrated and timebound policy framework for addressing child labor;
- Integrate child labor issues into the national poverty reduction strategy;
- Test and scale-up a community-based child labor monitoring system;
- Establish a special institution to ensure enforcement of the trafficking laws;
- Adopt the list of hazardous occupation for children; and
- Carry out a national stand-alone or modular child labor survey and disseminate data.

GRANTEE

International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Togolese Ministry of Labor; Ministry of Population, Social Affairs, and the Promotion of Women; Ministry of Education and Professional and Vocational Training; Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Home Affairs and Security; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Tourism; Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of Planning and Economic Development; UNICEF Togo; UNODC; IOM, CARE Togo; Bureau international catholique de l'enfance (BICE) Togo; World Association for Orphans (WAO)-Afrique; Fédération des unions de caisses d'épargne et de crédit (FUSEC) Togo; Federation of Togolese Credit & Saving Societies; Children and Youth Workers' Association (AEJT Togo); Terre des Hommes Togo; Plan International; and other national and international NGOs.

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